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SUBJ: REASSIGNMENT OF SRI LANKAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS AND HIS VIEWS

1. DURING COURTESY CALL, SRI LANKAN AMBASSADOR WIJEYERATNE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE EXPECTED SOON TO BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO COLOMBO TO BE A SPECIAL ADVISER TO PRME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, PARTICULARLY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS A SOCIALIST WHOSE IDEAS HAD LONG BEEN SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. WIJEYERATNE SAID THAT THE IMAGE OF THE US AS AN "IMPERIALIST POWER WAS FADING IN THE MINDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF ASIA. THE GROWING CONCERN WAS NOW ABOUT INDIA, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF INDIA'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE USSR. THE USSR WAS ALSO INCREASINGLY VIEWED WITH CONCERN AS A GROWING POWER ON THE SUB-CONTINENT AND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. CHINA'S GROWING POWER WAS VIEWED WITH LESS CONCERN. BECAUSE FAVORABLE CHANGE IN US IMAGE WAS STILL NOT WELL IMPRINTED IN POPULAR MINDS, WIJEYERATNE THOUGHT US WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO LIMIT NAVAL VISITS IN INDIAN OCEAN SINCE THEY COULD BE EXPLOITED BY "NEW LEFT." SOVIET NAVAL POWER WAS EVIDENT, BUT LESS VISIBLE.

3. COMMENT: WIJEYERATNE'S REMARKS REFLECT HIS WELL KNOWN "OLD LEFT" VIEWS. IF HE IS INDEED TRANSFERRED BACK TO COLOMBO
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AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO MADAME BANDARANAIKE, WE SHELL POUCH

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